

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1           1.       An anastomosis device for connecting a graft vessel to a target  
2 vessel, the device comprising:  
3                   a first linkage formed of a plurality of struts and a plurality of axial  
4 members, the first linkage expandable from a first configuration in which the first  
5 linkage is a substantially tubular shape to a second configuration in which the first  
6 linkage includes a first outwardly extending flange;  
7                   a substantially tubular connecting portion extending from the first  
8 linkage; and  
9                   a second linkage configured to form a second outwardly extending  
10 flange spaced from the first outwardly extending flange.
- 1           2.       The anastomosis device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of axial  
2 members each include a hinge for concentrating bending of the axial members  
3 during formation of the first outwardly extending flange.
- 1           3.       The anastomosis device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of struts  
2 form a plurality of diamond shapes which contract in an axial direction of the  
3 device when the device is outwardly expanded.
- 1           4.       The anastomosis device of Claim 3, wherein the plurality of axial  
2 members are each positioned within a corresponding one of the diamond shapes  
3 such that as the diamond shapes contract in the axial direction the axial members  
4 bend outward to form the first outwardly extending flange.

1           5.     The anastomosis device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of axial  
2 members are inner diamond shaped members connected to the plurality of struts at  
3 top and bottom corners and including two hinges at side corners.

1           6.     The anastomosis device of Claim 1, wherein the second linkage is  
2 formed of a plurality of struts and a plurality of axial members, and the second  
3 linkage is expandable from a first configuration in which the second linkage is a  
4 substantially tubular shape to a second configuration in which the second linkage  
5 forms the second outwardly extending flange.

1           7.     The anastomosis device of Claim 1, wherein the second linkage is  
2 formed of a plurality of pull tabs configured for holding the anastomosis device  
3 during insertion.

1           8.     The anastomosis device of Claim 1, wherein the substantially  
2 tubular connecting portion is radially expandable.

1           9.     The anastomosis device of Claim 1, wherein the first outwardly  
2 extending flange is conical.

1           10.    The anastomosis device of Claim 1, wherein the second outwardly  
2 extending flange is conical.

1           11.    An anastomosis device for connecting a graft vessel to a target  
2 vessel, the device comprising:  
3                   a body formed from a plurality of struts and deformable from a first  
4 configuration in which the device is substantially tubular to a second configuration

5 in which the device includes a first flange and a second flange spaced from the  
6 first flange.

1           12.    The anastomosis device of Claim 11, wherein:  
2                   a first end of the body includes a first linkage which changes from a  
3 substantially tubular configuration to an outwardly extending configuration to form  
4 the first flange upon radial expansion of the first end by an expander positioned in  
5 a center of the body; and  
6                   a second end of the body includes a second linkage which is  
7 configured to form the second flange upon deployment of the device.

1           13.    The anastomosis device of Claim 12, wherein the first linkage  
2 includes a plurality of struts arranged in a configuration such that an axial  
3 dimension of the first linkage changes upon outwardly expansion of the linkage.

1           14.    The anastomosis device of Claim 13, wherein the first linkage  
2 includes a plurality of folding members which are caused to fold outward by the  
3 change in axial dimension of the first linkage.

1           15.    The anastomosis device of Claim 14, wherein the folding members  
2 are axially members with central hinges.

1           16.    The anastomosis device of Claim 14, wherein the folding members  
2 are diamond shaped members having two central hinges.

1           17.    The anastomosis device of Claim 12, wherein the first linkage  
2 includes a plurality of members which are caused to fold outward tangentially to  
3 the device by the change in the axial dimension of the first linkage.

1           18.    The anastomosis device of Claim 11, wherein the first and second  
2 flanges each form an angle between about 45 and 100 degrees with an axis of the  
3 body.

1           19.    The anastomosis device of Claim 11, wherein the first flange is  
2 formed by outwardly pivoting a plurality of substantially axial members which are  
3 supported by the plurality of struts.

1           20.    The anastomosis device of Claim 11, wherein the first flange and  
2 the second flange are spaced apart a distance sufficient to accommodate a wall of a  
3 blood vessel.

1           21.    An anastomosis device comprising an expandable body, the  
2 expansion of a portion of said body forming a first flange extending outwardly  
3 from said body.

1           22.    The anastomosis device of Claim 21, wherein the expansion of a  
2 second portion of said body forms a second flange extending outwardly from said  
3 body.

1           23.    The anastomosis device of Claim 21, wherein the first flange is  
2 formed by outwardly expanding a four bar linkage which is provided on said  
3 body.

1           24.    The anastomosis device of Claim 23, wherein the four bar linkage  
2    is formed by a plurality of struts arranged in a plurality of interconnected  
3    substantially diamond shapes.

1           25.    An anastomosis device comprising a body of elements which form  
2    movable linkages, expansion of the body activates said linkages to form a flange.

1           26.    The anastomosis device of Claim 25, wherein the movable linkages  
2    include hinges and wherein expansion of the body causes the hinges to bend to  
3    form the flange.

1           27.    The anastomosis device of Claim 25, wherein the flange is formed  
2    at a distal end of the body and a proximal flange is formed at a proximal end of  
3    the body.

1           28.    The anastomosis device of Claim 27, wherein the proximal flange is  
2    formed by expansion of said body.

1           29.    The anastomosis device of Claim 27, wherein the proximal flange is  
2    formed of a plurality of pull tabs configured for holding the body during insertion.

1           30.    A method of performing anastomosis comprising:  
2                    providing a one-piece tubular anastomosis device;  
3                    everting an end of a graft vessel around the anastomosis device;  
4                    puncturing a target vessel with a trocar;  
5                    inserting the tubular anastomosis device with everted graft vessel

6 into the puncture in the target vessel;  
7 radially expanding the tubular anastomosis device with an expander  
8 to cause a portion of the tube to fold outward forming a first annular flange; and  
9 forming a second annular flange on the anastomosis device to trap a  
10 wall of the target vessel between the first and second annular flanges and seal the  
11 graft vessel to the target vessel.

1 31. The method of Claim 30, wherein enlargement of an internal  
2 diameter of the anastomosis device with the expander causes the formation of the  
3 first flange.

1 32. The method of Claim 30, wherein the device is expanded by  
2 advancing an expander with an outer diameter greater than an inner diameter of  
3 the anastomosis device into the anastomosis device.

1 33. The method of Claim 32, wherein the withdrawal of the expander  
2 causes formation of the second flange.

1 34. The method of Claim 33, wherein a groove on the expander catches  
2 at least a portion of the anastomosis device to form the second flange.

1 35. The method of Claim 30, wherein the device is expanded by an  
2 expander in the form of an inflatable balloon.

1           36.    The method of Claim 30, wherein the radial expansion of the  
2   anastomosis device causes a portion of the device to bend at a plurality of hinges  
3   to form the first annular flange.

1           37.    The method of Claim 30, wherein the first and second annular  
2   flanges each form an angle between about 45 and 100 degrees with an axis of the  
3   device.

1           38.    An anastomosis device deployment system comprising:  
2                   a handle;  
3                   a holder tube attached to the handle, the holder tube having a distal  
4   end configured to hold the anastomosis device with an attached graft vessel; and  
5                   an expander positioned within the holder and slidable with respect  
6   to the holder to a position at which the expander is positioned within the  
7   anastomosis device and radially expands the anastomosis device.

1           39.    The system of Claim 38, further comprising a trocar movable with  
2   respect to the holder tube to form an opening in a target vessel to receive the  
3   anastomosis device and attached graft vessel.

1           40.    The system of Claim 39, wherein the trocar is a split trocar which  
2   is slidable over the holder tube and the anastomosis device.

1           41.    The system of Claim 38, wherein the handle includes two cam  
2   grooves, and the holder tube and expander each have a follower member engaged  
3   in one of the cam grooves to move the holder tube and expander with respect to  
4   one another upon activation of a trigger of the handle.

1           42.    The system of Claim 38, wherein the distal end of the holder tube  
2 includes a plurality of slits for receiving pull tabs of the anastomosis device.

1           43.    The system of Claim 38, wherein the distal end of the holder tube  
2 includes a plurality of hooks for receiving pull tabs of the anastomosis device.

1           44.    The system of Claim 38, wherein the distal end of the holder tube  
2 includes a plurality of flexible fingers which each receive a pull top of the  
3 anastomosis device, the flexible fingers flexing outward to form a proximal flange  
4 on the anastomosis device.